

Industrial and Commercial.

MINE, MILL AND RAILROAD.

One of the most interesting equity suits ever heard before the Luzerne county courts is now on before Judge Rice, and bids fair to last several days. It is the attempt of several farmers to prevent the completion of the boring of the great Jeddo tunnel. The plaintiffs, who are a dozen farmers from Schuylkill valley, are represented by Attorney John T. Lenahan and John Gorman, and the defendants, the Jeddo Tunnel company, are represented by Attorney General Palmer and F. W. Wheaton, of this city, and Attorney Samuel Dickson, of Philadelphia. For several years the work has been in progress. Men started to bore a tunnel through Jeddo mountain and it is now complete. The tunnel is five miles long and cost about \$2,500,000. So exact were the calculations that the main openings, after being driven for two and a half miles through the mountain, met within six inches of each other, and a bore hole from the top of a mountain penetrated the tunnel within the confines of a small circle, drawn on the rock before the boring was commenced. The tunnel is to drain the big Harleigh and Ebervale mines, and numerous adjoining workings which have been flooded and useless for years. It will assure an output of millions of tons of coal and will result in the re-building of a dozen mining towns which twenty years ago were populated and prosperous, but which since the flooding of the mines have been practically deserted.

Everything was complete for the firing of the blast which was to shatter the walls separating the lower workings of the mines from the tunnel and thus liberate the great quantities of water in the mines when an injunction was served on the company by a number of farmers to prevent them completing the work, and it is this injunction that is now being argued before Judge Rice. The farmers all own fine farms along the banks of Butler Creek, from which they get their water supply. The water liberated from the mines would flow along this creek, and the farmers claim as it contains a great deal of coal dirt and is sulphur water, that their farms would be practically destroyed, and they want the company to be restrained from tapping the mines or else give them proper compensation for their loss. The case is going on very slowly, as a great many legal points are being argued. So far, Dr. W. B. Schober, the chemist at the Lehigh university; Professor Dean, of the Harry Hillman academy, and Dr. Chambers, a specialist of New York, have been examined and have given expert testimony, and William M. Jones, mining engineer, testified regarding the amount of coal dust that would probably be washed from the workings. The witnesses so far agree that this farm land would be practically destroyed for all farming or pasture purposes. The company is making a stubborn fight.

The statement of earnings of the two Reading companies for October is better than was to be expected. In view of the unsatisfactory condition of the coal trade. The entire anthracite output in the month was 4,136,553 tons, as against 4,525,868 tons in October last year, and while it is not known how the output was divided, yet it is entirely safe to assume that the Reading sustained its full share of the decrease. Then again the receipts from the sale of coal were materially diminished by the low prices prevailing. This drawing for determining the miners' wages gave the average prices at Schuylkill Haven during the month as \$2.35, as against \$2.60 in October last year. It is not surprising, therefore, that with less coal to sell and with prices probably 30 cents a ton lower the Coal and Iron company shall make a bad showing, and the report shows a decrease in profits of \$416,000. The railroad company did excellently well in view of the decrease coal tonnage. Still the result of the two companies is a decrease in net earnings of \$559,628.20, a decrease in charges of \$48,991.48 and a decrease in surplus of \$519,636.72. This can, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, only be called bad, although fully accounted for by the explanations given above. For eleven months of the fiscal year the net earnings show a decrease of \$1,324,870, the charges an increase of \$82,280.45 and the surplus a decrease of \$1,407,150.

The Hendrick Manufacturing company of Carbondale has recently completed an extensive system of automatic sprinklers in the mounting, pattern and carpenter shops of the Scranton Stone works, for the better protection of the premises against fire, similar to that in its own shops. Some idea of its magnitude can be obtained, says the Herald, from the statement that it included about 900 sprinklers, each protecting an area of from eighty to 100 square feet and that about 7,500 lineal



A STUDY OF FACES.

no matter where you go, will show you how many, many people ought to be taking Carlsbad Sprudel Salt. There's the thin, peaked face that tells of perverted nutrition. There's the fat, puffy face of stultified obesity. There's the otherwise pretty face that's marred by skin disorders and eruptions; the yellow, haggard face of the dyspeptic; the dull, drawn faces of sufferers from stomach and liver and kidney troubles.

All these people need the Carlsbad Sprudel Salt. It goes to the root of the whole matter. It purifies the blood, dissolves obstructions, clears the system, and cures permanently, in a natural way, every derangement of the stomach, liver and kidneys. Beware of the many imitations sold as "improved" or "artificial" Carlsbad Salt. These generally consist only of ordinary Seidlitz Powder and Glauber Salt, sold by unscrupulous dealers upon the reputation of the genuine Carlsbad Salt. The only genuine imported Carlsbad Salt has the signature of "Eisner & Mendelson Co., Agents, New York," on every bottle.

feet of wrought iron pipe was used in placing them. This system of sprinklers is supplied with water from two sources, a 6-inch main connecting with the system of the Scranton Gas and Water company at one end of the works, and a 4-inch main connecting with the system of the Danvers Gas and Water company, at the other, the former under ninety pounds and the latter under 140 pounds pressure; a series of automatic check valves control the supply, so that either system is called into play whenever the heat caused by an incipient fire melts the solder on one of the sprinkler heads, which thus become unseated, splashing the water against a splash plate on the sprinkler and throwing it against the ceiling and walls. The melting point of the solder is at 140 degrees Fahrenheit. For the further protection of the premises, five standard double-nozzle Matthews fire hydrants were placed outside, but in the immediate vicinity of the buildings, for supplying which about 1,800 feet of 6-inch pipe were laid. These two sources of supply guarantee positive service at all times. By the construction of this protective system, the Scranton Stone works has materially decreased the premium rate, so much so that the cost of the system, which ran into several thousand dollars, will revert to them in the saving effected, to say nothing of the increased security against fire, which such a system affords, and which every prosperous concern requires.

MINOR INDUSTRIAL NOTES:
Coal tonnage over the Reading railroad for the week ended Nov. 24 decreased 11,753 tons; for the year to date it decreased 555,215 tons.
Citizens of Riegelsville have subscribed stock to build a factory for manufacturing window screens which will employ about fifty hands.
Vice President Voorhes, of the Reading, is quoted as saying that Port Richmond, the line built from Port Richmond to tide water, will earn its expenses and fixed charges this year.
The work of filling the burning Luke Fidler mine at Shamokin with water is not progressing very rapidly at present. Excavations are already under way at the head of the new shaft for the foundation for a pair of big engines that will be used to pump water out of the mine after it is believed that the fire has been extinguished. The four new tubular boilers have been finished and the colliery will have an abundant supply of steam on hand when the work of pumping out the water begins.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

By the United Press.
New York, Nov. 28.—The opening dealings at the stock exchange were characterized by a good deal of firmness owing mainly to an advance of 1 per cent. in Northwest to 90. The rise in this stock was attributed to purchases of about 10,000 shares for the account of a leading bear operator. The general list failed to sympathize to any extent, improving only 1/4 and 3/8 per cent. London took several thousand shares of St. Paul and other stocks. The rise only seemed to serve to stimulate those operating for a decline to renewed efforts and in a short time the whole list developed weakness. The decline was gradual at first, but as the absence of support became more marked the downward movement gathered force.
The apprehension of a most unfavorable statement of earnings for October by the Burlington and the rise in exchange induced selling for these securities, which fact, however, the success of the government loan has utterly failed to stimulate speculation also acted as a damper upon the market. Later in the day a rumor gained currency that the sugar trust had ordered all the refineries in the combination closed, and a sharp drive was made against that stock, which dropped from 98 1/2 to 95 1/2. Officials stated, after the close of business, that it was not true and the refineries would be closed only over the Thanksgiving holiday. After sugar the greatest declines were: 1 1/2 in Delaware and Hudson; 1 1/2 in Lake; 1 1/2 in Northwest; 1 1/2 in Gas; 1 1/2 in St. Paul; 1 1/2 in Rock Island; 1 1/2 in Union Pacific; 1 1/2 in Lake Shore; and 2 in Michigan Central. Final quotations showed a recovery of 1/4 to 1 per cent. Total sales, 217,000 shares.
The range of today's prices for the active stock of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

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